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It is requested that the Examiner fully consider the cited references and that they be cited on the front of any patent issuing from this application.

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Statement of Relevance of Foreign Patent Document:

European patent No 1 066 767 – Footwear provided with soft and watertight upper

Supple leg part (1) comprises two flaps (5, 6). Flap (6) has, on its outer side, first fold (7) extending along edge of flap, and second fold (8) placed not far from first fold but such that second fold is covered by flap (5) when shoe is closed. When flap (5) is locked on other flap (6) using handle, folds are used as impervious barriers.

International No WO96/03186 – SNOWBOOT WITH ATTACHMENT PINS

A snowboot (16) for a snowboard (14) that is adjustable and can be readily attached to a releasable binding (12). Extending from the sole (20) of the boot are a pair of pins (80) which can be inserted and locked to a releasable binding (12) mounted on the board. The boot has a hard lower shell (202) that is coupled to a soft upper shell (204). The hard lower shell provides structural support for the ankles and the heel of the rider. The snowboot has a hard heel insert (162) that provides support for the heel of the snowboarder. The upper shell has a pair of web support members (206) that are arranged in a triangular configuration with the heel insert and lower shell of the boot. The triangular configuration provides structural support, and prevents the toe and heel of the snowboarder from lifting within the boot.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has further questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at phone 011-4122-346-8744 or fax at 011-4122-346-8960.

Respectfully submitted,



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